

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The Republican Central Committee has issued its call for a State convention to meet at Springfield on Wednesday, the 21st day of May, for the purpose of selecting forty-two delegates to the National convention, and also nominating candidates for the various State offices, and presidential electors. Under the call, Macon county will be entitled to seven delegates in the convention.

AUDITION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Hon. I. A. Powell, of Richland county, is in the city, and called at the Republican office. Dr. Powell is a candidate for the nomination for state auditor, and will doubtless go into the convention with a large number of votes. He is one of the leading Republicans of Southern Illinois, and has been a member of the party since its organization. He is entirely capable, and deserving.

And still the Decatur Times does not hold the Independent ticket, notwithstanding the voters of that persuasion are anxious to know the names of the candidates. Rumor hath it that Farmer Jack is holding back, with the hope that the Democratic state ticket may suit him better, while Farmer Kimball is not yet certain whether he can get himself up to the point of supporting even as many Democrats as are contained in the "wry-neck" bill of fare. What a happy family!

The Litchfield Monitor favors the nomination of E. B. Washburne as the Republican candidate for governor, and adds: "It may not be his wish to resign and come home to run for an office of less distinction. But he cannot refuse the call of his State. He is not a servant and must obey. A nomination will be a trumpet call which he cannot disregard. Higher consideration than his personal wishes will be urged by a nomination and duty alone would cause him to accept it. He sacrifices nothing by yielding to the call of his State. It is not that we cannot every Illinois next fall with any candidate who may be nominated, but we want a candidate who will revive the courage and hope of Republicans, throughout the country. He should become a candidate for his political value in States doubtful, which we must carry or be defeated."

The passage of the bill in the Senate authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue \$500,000,000 of 4 1/2 per cent bonds, and sell them at par for the redemption of an equal amount of 6 per cent 5 20 bonds, is a wise movement, and will probably be productive of the results desired to be obtained, if the House will concur in it. The terms of these bonds is fixed at thirty years, and the government has been assured that 11 per cent bonds can be sold at par if the government will make them run for that length of time. If the project succeeds, there will be an additional saving of \$7,500,000 in the annual interest, and the credit of the government be improved proportionately. The Democratic majority of the House, put nothing to be interested in the reduction of expenses and the improvement of the national credit, cannot reasonably or consistently refuse its assent to this measure.

This New York Graphic referring to the "Independent" press and the Babcock trial says: "They inferred his guilt because he was a member of the President's family. They hoped that he was guilty, and so they assumed he was and denounced him. The St. Louis correspondent appears to have a curious interest in the case, and is constantly repeating their logic as follows: 'Major Prentiss-Babcock is Grant's private secretary. Minor Prentiss-Babcock is guilty. It will discredit Grant and help the Democratic party. Conclusion—therefore Babcock is guilty.' That's the same kind of logic which comes so naturally to the understanding of that truly 'Independent' paper, the Decatur Times."

The Russian Government toward the close of last year, finally decided upon the Southern route for the contemplated great railroad to Siberia. The selected line, as described, runs nearly east from Nishit Noygorod, through Kasan and Ekaterinburg to Tiumen or Tiumen, which last is at a navigable point on the Tura river, one of the headwaters of the Irtysh river, with the Siberian frontier, and not very far from Tobolsk. When the line is finished, it will be "so nice" to take a trip over it and practice one's jaw bone on the names of the various stations as Kosmodemiansk, Tebekovsk, Krasnodubinsk, Kamishov, and the like. The brakeman will probably be required to "relax" granite boulders for a few months as a preparative to tackling the names along the route.

COLONEL FORNEY, who attended the opening of Parliament, says in a letter to the Philadelphia Press: "The Queen is memorably and militarily punctual, and the minutes before the appointed hour of 2 o'clock passed, at almost the exact moment of which she entered, accompanied by the Princess of Wales (the Prince, her heir-apparent husband, in India), the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Louise of Lorne, the Princess Beatrice, the Duke and Duchess Mary of Teck, and others. The ladies in the audience had been previously notified that when Her Majesty came in their shawls should be removed, and when the royal cortege came we had a display of busts of all ages. There was no prayer, no guns or drums, no choir, no anthem. As Her Majesty advanced the whole audience rose, and as she ascended the throne she bowed in response, when the company nestled down with obedient grace. She is a smaller woman than I expected, dressed in black and gold, aged fifty-seven, and evidently accustomed to command. * * * And as I passed out of the northern gallery of the House of Lords, and once more beheld the gigantic multitude, held back by a resolute constabulary and ready military reserves, I felt that England was fortunate in having a woman for a monarch, and that the gentle ministrations which saved the world from a war between England and America twelve years ago, may be the surest medicine for all evils, secret and open, which threaten the commonwealth of Great Britain."

At a late meeting of the Michigan Press Association, some comical instances of typographical errors were mentioned by one of the speakers. The *alma mater* of Yale college was once printed as "alum water," and "the masses" of the people were exhorted as "them assess" to come out at a political meeting. The Archbishop of Russia was called a noble "Kuss" (for Russ). "Mobile" was complimented as the "fourth coffee pot" (port) of the nation. Two laughable errors of this kind which went through certain Detroit dailies were due (as most errors are) to an abominably illegible handwriting. The "mysterious deers of Providence" were changed to "the mysterious deers of provisions," and a large bill "for mapping and surveying in the county of Wayne," was printed as "mopping and sweeping, 8225," which led to a good deal of inquiry how the county officers came to be so dirty that it cost all that sum to cleanse them.

The sort of economy at which the Democracy is striking is illustrated in the proposition contained in the Pension Bill, now before the Confederate House at Washington, to restore to the pension roll the names of all persons dropped for participation in the rebellion. This was attempted to be smuggled in under a proposed amendment to the law relating to pensions to soldiers of the war 1812, and contemplated the payment of alleged arrangers to ex-robbers who were pensioners at the beginning of the war, and the widows of such as may have died. As the arrangements would cover a period of four or five years, the bill would require the disbursement of several millions of dollars. A caucus of Republican Senators has decided against the passage of the bill, which secures its defeat.—Springfield Journal.

WHAT SORT OF RELIGION IS NEEDED.—We need a religion which means "sixteen ounces of sugar for a pound," and no sand in it; and no more of the sort in which in which sobriety "has nothing to do with salvation." We need that every religious teacher who has been decrying "works," and holding up faith as the all-sufficient passport to heaven, should take to himself a portion of the blame for the deterioration of public morals, and do works for repentance, by persistently presenting Christ's standard of life as the only sure proof of acceptance with him. Let us get done with the religion of sniffs, and call on all men, everywhere to repeat and square their lives by the Sermon on the Mount.—*June 17 Swissish in Chicago Tribune.*

The Republican newspapers of central and eastern Illinois, are almost unanimously rallying to the support of George Sengels for Secretary of State. He has only been in the field as a candidate a very short time, but he is commanding a degree of strength that augurs well for his success. Although Secretary Harlow has made a most excellent officer, and all will be abundantly satisfied to see him re-elected, we cannot conceal our preference for Geo. Sengels, and we hope the relations and interests of candidates in this section of the State may be such that we can give him a hearty support.—*Mattoon Gazette.*

QUEEN VICTORIA.—The London correspondent of the Boston *Advertiser* says that the Queen's health is really much more delicate than is commonly supposed; she is frequently rendered sick by riding in a carriage, and it is said she would not lead a quiet and retired life, would soon break down altogether. This is an authority of a medical man, "who has the best opportunity for knowing the true state of the case," and who also says that her poor health dates from the death of her husband, and is due to her grief.

The daughter of a Scotch Baronet named Agnew is said to have died of want in a cellar on Wooster street, New York, last week, three days before the arrival of a draft for fifty pounds. The lady's name was Alice M. Read, and she had married against the wishes of her relatives.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Col. Connelly for District Attorney.

The Attorney General to the Confederate House.

THE EMMA MINE INVESTIGATION.

Gov. Kellogg's Impeachment.

AND ITS FAILURE.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—General Babcock and Levi P. Luckey, this morning, resumed their respective duties at the executive mansion.

The President, to-day, nominated Jas. A. Connelly, of Charleston, Coles county, to be United States attorney for the Southern district of Illinois. The message was delivered to the Senate by Col. Fred. Grant.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations: John C. Myers, of Nebraska, Consul General at Shanghai; J. DeForest Porter, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Wyoming; James A. Connelly, United States attorney for the southern district of Illinois.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs met this morning to proceed with investigation of General Schenck's connection with the Emma mine, but there being some doubt in the minds of members whether there was distinct authority to undertake the investigation, it was finally resolved that the Committee ask the House for further instruction, and leave to sit during the session of the House.

The Attorney General replied to Lord's resolution in the House, last Friday, requesting him to inform the House why he recently gave instructions to his subordinate, alleged to be in contravention of long established rule relating to the testimony of accomplices in criminal actions, by saying he suggests the resolution must have been introduced under a misapprehension. No instructions have been given by the Attorney General to his subordinates in contravention of any rule relating to testimony of accomplices in criminal actions, and no instructions that had any such purpose nor any instructions to which any such purpose could be fairly attributed. The only specific instructions which have been given on the subject are those in certain districts where whisky frauds are being prosecuted, and these are merely in confirmation and approval of the arrangements made to use the testimony of accomplices. As these arrangements and instructions relate to matters in progress, the House will readily see the propriety of withholding special information relating thereto until the trials are over. In no instance, says the Attorney General, since his term commenced, has there been a proposition of any subordinate of mine, relating to testimony of accomplices in criminal actions, which has not met with my prompt and cordial sanction.

The Court of Claims, to-day, rendered a decision in regard to the famous Chorpennig claim. It was contended that the reference of this claim by Congress to the Postmaster General, and his decision that between four and five hundred thousand dollars were due to claimant, constituted an award, binding on the government. The court now sustains the demurrer to this assertion, and holds that the action above stated was not binding on the government. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court.

The motion for adjournment of the House, immediately after the call of Stages for bills, was made by Morrison, to prevent a vote on a motion which Holman intended to offer, favoring a repeal of specie resumption law of last year, just before close of roll call. The motion to adjourn was apparently lost, but the result was changed by Foster, Hale, Townsend (N. Y.) and Blaine announcing their votes in the affirmative, which made the total stand, ayes, 118; noes, 114.

The committee on Foreign affairs, to-day, heard the testimony of James E. Lyon, of Racine, Wis., concerning the Emma mine speculation. The witness originally owned a one-third interest in the Monitor lode, which afterward became the Emma mine, and an interest in which was purchased by Henry H. Baxter and W. W. Park. Suite arose and witness employed as counsel, ex-Senator Stewart of Nevada, and General Hillyer. Witness and Stewart visited Salt Lake City, where they met Senator Morton, to whom Stewart related the difficulty of obtaining a trial in the courts of that territory. Morton said it was all wrong when Stewart related that if Morton would assist, he should have \$20,000. A effort was made to have Judge McKee removed, but without success. Witness gave an account of the workings of the mine and the transfers, etc.

The democratic caucus committee was still in session at midnight on the financial question. The impression is that several reports will be made by individual members to the democratic general caucus. The caucus adjourned at a late hour.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28.—After seven hours and a half of debate, at half past four o'clock, Mr. Wiltz moved the adoption of the report of the majority of the committee appointed to investigate the charges against Wm. Pitt Kellogg, and recommending that articles of impeachment be preferred against him for high crimes and misdemeanors. Yeas and nays were then called.

Mr. Stafford and other members asked permission of the House to explain their votes when their names were called. A storm of yeas and nays greeted the request. The majority report and resolutions accompanying the same, were then adopted, by a vote of 61 yeas and 45 nays.

Upon the reassembling of the Senate to-night, the attorney of the governor presented to the court the following order: IT IS ORDERED BY THE SENATE, SITTING AS A COURT OF IMPEACHMENT, That the impeachment presented by the House of Representatives be dismissed by reason of the failure of said House to prosecute the same, and that this order have the same force and effect as a judgment of acquittal.

A vote was called for on the adoption of this order, but before the vote was taken a committee of five, appointed by the Speaker of the House, appeared and presented an authorization from the Speaker to act as managers. The point was raised and sustained, and an excited protest from Mr. Wiltz, that the Speaker had not the right to appoint managers after adjournment of the House, and the order of acquittal was finally adopted by a vote—Yeas, 25, nays 9.

DANVILLE, Feb. 28.—The demurrer to the application for a mandamus to enforce the delivery to the Paris & Danville railroad of the bonds of the township, was sustained this morning by Judge Davis, he holding that the company did not comply with the conditions of the vote granting aid to the company.

The application of eastern capitalists to be made parties defendant in an action to foreclose the first mortgage bonds of the Toledo Wabash & Western railroad, which was argued last week before the same court, and taken under advisement, was to-day denied.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—The supreme court, to-day, refused to grant a writ of certiorari, in the contested majority case. Shortly after the decision was announced, Col. Britton sent a note to Overstolz, informing him that the courts having declined to review the action of the city council, the contest terminates in his favor, and he (Britton) would withdraw from the occupancy of the mayor's office and further discharge of duties.

BOILING EGGS.

There is an objection to the common way of boiling eggs which people do not understand. It is this: the white under three minutes rapid cooking becomes tough and inelastic, while the yolk is left soft. When properly cooked, eggs are done evenly throughout, like any other food. This result may be attained by putting the eggs into a dish with a cover, as a tin pail, and then pouring over them boiling water, two quarts or more to the dozen eggs, and cover and set them away from the stove for fifteen minutes. The heat of the water cooks the eggs slowly and evenly, and to a jelly-like consistency, leaving the yolk harder than the white; and the egg tastes as much sweeter and richer as a fresh egg is nicer than a stale one, and no person will want to eat them boiled after having tried this method once.

"You ain't afraid to die?" said the clergyman, tenderly. "No," replied the sufferer, "I am only afraid if I do that the old woman will go snootin' among my private papers the first thing."

Henry Bloodgood had been lecturing on the subject of "Fish." He says "Jonah was the first man we hear of who was retired from the Department of the Interior."

Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, with colored borders, for 15 cents—worth 35 cents, at LINN & SCRUGGS.

Great Bargains in Jewelry at J. L. Knipper's, 24 Merchant street. Feb. 7-d&wtf.

A Splendid Stock of Blankets and Flannels, at Linn & Scruggs, oct 7-d&wtf.

Very Cheap.—Camel's hair dress goods in the latest fall styles at half their value. 20 yards Comfort Calico, for one dollar, 15 yards Standard Dress Calico, for one dollar; 16 yards Crash, all Linen, for one dollar. Blankets, worth five dollars, for four dollars, with a corresponding reduction in Nubias, Shawls, Cloaks, Furs, &c., at Linn & Scruggs. Feb. 2-d&wtf.

Pike, the Jeweler, keeps the best Spectacles in the city, and sells them at a reasonable price. [sept 1-d1m]

Hurrah for the Red, White and Blue Continental Ribbon! at Misses Falconer & Hurd's—something new. 26 d1w

Just Received, New Spring Hats, Flowers, etc., etc., at Misses Falconer & Hurd's. Also, new stock of human hair. 26 d1w

DAVIS' NURSERIES.

Has now ready for spring delivery 200,000 Apple Trees, 10,000 Evergreens, 20,000 Shade Trees; also, hundreds of Cherry, Pear, Peach and Plum Trees, Grape Roots, &c. Order at once. Anything in the nursery line—will set and insure this spring, if wanted. Prices and catalogues on application to H. W. Davis, Box 141, Decatur, Ill.

PURE BRED FOWLS.

I have also for sale at my Nurseries, 200 to 300 Pure Bred Fowls, raised this year, of the following breeds: Buff Cochins, Black Cochins, Partridge Cochins, Light Brahmas, Dark Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks and Moudans. Also, the best WATER ELEVATOR known; draws with two buckets. Throw out your pumps and draw off the surface water and preserve your health. Prices and description on application to H. W. Davis, Decatur, Ill. Feb. 15-d&wtfms.

Store-room for Rent on Prairie st., in Miller's block. Enquire at Feb. 14t

Ashby, in open block, will exchange cornices, window shades, and upholstering work of all kinds, for old furniture, stoves, etc. feb 3-d1f

New Advertisements.

MASTER'S SALE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. MACON COUNTY, ss. In the matter of Abiel T. Hixley, Assignee of John W. George, vs. Dallas McCay et al. On bill to foreclose mortgage. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in pursuance of a decree of the court in the above entitled cause, in said county, do hereby sell at public auction, to-wit: Lot No. 1, in block No. 1, in the township of 18th and 19th ranges, containing one hundred and fifty-five and 37/100 acres, more or less, together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments thereto in anywise belonging, said premises will be sold subject to redemption. JOHN A. BROWN, Master in Chancery for said county, Ills. Decatur, Ills., Feb. 25th, A. D. 1876. d1w

between the hours of nine o'clock and sunset of said day, shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the west door of the Court House in Decatur, in said county, the following described real estate, situate in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, to-wit: The east half of the township of section four (4), township eighteen (18), range four (4) east of the third principal meridian, containing one hundred and fifty-five and 37/100 acres, more or less, together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments thereto in anywise belonging, said premises will be sold subject to redemption. JOHN A. BROWN, Master in Chancery for Macon county, Ills., Decatur, Ills., Feb. 25th, A. D. 1876. d1w

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Assets, \$18,000,000.

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Come in, talk, believe, take a Policy, and be happy. Feb 19-d&wtf

MACON HALL!

Thursday Eve., March 2d.

CONCERT!

For the benefit of the

Colored Literary Society.

At which time a part of the music of the Hampton students and Tennessee Jubilee Singers will be rendered. Mr. Jacobs the organist, will be assisted by the vocalists, and all of both the above-named companies. Admission—30 cents. Children under 12—10 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats. Reserved seats for sale at the ticket office from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. on the 31st. Feb. 21-d1w

A DESIRABLE,

CHEAP RESIDENCE,

VERY convenient to the business part of the city; also a good house, with large lot on North College street, with plenty of fruit, and general conveniences; and a good lot of 20 acres, 1 1/2 miles northwest of Wiley's station, on the Decatur & East St. Louis railroad, at \$35 per acre. All or any of the above will be sold at a bargain, and the owner lives in California, and wishes to transfer proceeds. Apply to WARREN & DUFFEE, Agents, Or to A. C. FULLER, San Jose, California. Jan. 18-d&wtf

HAYS & BARTHOLOMEW.

Reception Hours:

From 6 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M., until further orders.

They want to see you all.

RECEIVED THIS MORNING:

Two Boxes Handsomest Prints of the season;

Six dozen genuine Cashmere Lace Ties and

Bows—beautiful; and

Two pieces genuine Cashmere Lace.

Decatur, Feb. 24, 1876—d&wtf

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Dress Goods!

FLANNELS, CASSIMERES, SHAWLS, BLANKETS, Etc., Etc.

Also a full line of ladies' and gents'

FURNISHING GOODS.

I am determined to reduce my stock, and will, therefore, offer special inducements to all. Come and see for yourselves. What I say I mean.

No. 21 North Water St.

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